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News from the Larchmont Village Business Improvement District

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Please join us in welcoming City Councilmember, David Ryu, to Larchmont! Our new field deputy is Nikki Ezhari and you can contact the CD-4 office at (213) 473-7004. We wish all the best to Councilmember LaBonge and his team, particularly our former field deputy, Ben Seinfeld, and send our deepest appreciation for their years of service.

### Summer News

This summer we have a few new businesses on the block. [Vernetti](#) re-opened in the re-modeled former Girasole space and now serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, with brunch service beginning this week. [Groundwork Coffee](#) opened this week, [Rite Aid](#) got a really nice makeover, and [Kicks](#) has a Birkenstock pop-up.

Wanted to be sure you all saw [the news](#) that the Larchmont Chronicle has a new owner/publisher.

### Street Vending and Sidewalks Updates

A couple updates from July's BID Consortium meeting:

- The Coalition to Save Small Businesses continues to work with the city on legislation surrounding **street vending**, which has important implications for Larchmont. Learn more and sign an electronic petition [here](#) or contact [Leon Cain](#) for more details. The South Park BID downtown has documented the massive drain on their BID's resources that illegal street vendors cause, including an increased need for power washing sidewalks and trash pick-up. If anyone's interested in viewing their report, just let me know.
- Council members Kerkorian and Buscaino held public meetings about **sidewalk repair** this month, enlisting feedback as they craft a comprehensive, citywide program to repair sidewalks next to homes and businesses. The Consortium is working closely with both council offices to ensure the collective BIDs' voice is heard -- and Larchmont is part of that voice. Independently, the Larchmont BID is beginning to put together a long-term plan for sidewalk repair and tree replacement. The ficus trees lining our street have root

systems that continue to cause expensive damage to our sidewalks and plumbing and we need a solution for repairs that works for our property owners.

### 311 App

Reminder: the city's [311 app](#) is a great resource for all of us!

### Local Small Business Advocacy Group

George Abou-Daoud of Bowery Street and others in Hollywood started the NRC to garner more strength and get representation in City Hall for local small business owners. According to George, "We're over 700 independents now, and growing... it's high time small businesses unite and have a voice... We've done a lot so far, but we have a long way to go."

Visit [www.NRC.la](http://www.NRC.la) and, if you're interested in learning more about their work and/or joining, contact George: [george@bowery-st.com](mailto:george@bowery-st.com)

Best,



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